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July 23, 2007

Questions & Answers

(In percentage; figures in parentheses were obtained in survey in

June)

Q: Do you support the Abe cabinet?

Yes 29.1 (32.3)

No 53.6 (49.2)

Don't know; can't say which 17.4 (18.6)

Q: Which political party do you support?

Liberal Democratic Party 32.6 (29.7)

Democratic Party of Japan 16.6 (17.1)

New Komeito 4.3 (4.0)

Japanese Communist Party 3.9 (3.0)

Social Democratic Party 2.0 (1.7)

People's New Party 0.2 (0.2)

New Party Nippon 0.3 (0)

Other political parties 0.5 (1.0)

None 37.2 (40.7)

Don't know; can't say 2.7 (2.8)

Q: Do you highly evaluate the following matters regarding the Abe administration?

Yes 15.8 (15.4)

No 72.6 (67.7)

Don't know; can't say which 11.7 (16.9)

Yes 19.5 (17.6)

No 59.0 (57.6)

Don't know; can't say which 21.5 (24.9)

Yes 29.0 (25.5)

No 47.7 (49.0)

Don't know; can't say which 23.4 (25.6)

Yes 29.0 (17.3)

No 57.6 (68.6)

Don't know; can't say which 13.5 (14.2)

Yes 17.2

No 66.2

Don't know; can't say which 16.7

Yes 7.7

No 75.8

Don't know; can't say which 16.6

Yes 30.7 (32.5)

No 45.7 (44.4)

Don't know; can't say which 23.6 (23.2)

Yes 21.5 (18.0)

No 46.9 (45.2)

Don't know; can't say which 31.7 (36.9)

Q: How long do you think the Abe cabinet will last?

Until the Upper House election 31.2 (23.1)

Less than three years 53.1 (60.2)

More than three years 9.1 (12.4)

Don't know; can't say 6.7 (4.4)

Q: Are you interested in the Upper House election?

Yes 74.9 (74.6)

No 19.6 (21.9)

Don't know; can't say which 5.6 (3.6)

Q: Which party -- ruling or opposition -- do you want to see grow

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through the Upper House election?

Ruling parties, such as LDP 28.1 (31.9)

Opposition parties, such as DPJ 55.6 (51.7)

Don't know; can't say which 16.4 (16.5)

Q: What is the greatest campaign issue?

Pension 39.5 (39.0)

Economic disparity 18.4 (18.2)

Tax reform 8.6 (4.8)

Politics and money 8.1 (6.1)

Constitutional revision 6.7 (9.4)

Education reform 4.5 (7.1)

Civil servant reform 4.3 (2.1)

Measures for declining birthrate 3.9 (3.4)

Foreign policy, national security 2.4 (2.8)

Don't know; can't say 3.9 (7.4)

Q: Do you agree with the following statements regarding the upcoming Upper House election?

Yes 60.9

No 26.6

Don't know; can't say which 12.6

Yes 65.2

No 23.3

Don't know; can't say which 11.6

Yes 54.7

No 35.1

Don't know; can't say which 10.3

Yes 49.8

No 36.0

Don't know; can't say which 14.2